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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING JULY 16: FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 3789 NOTAL
B. STATE 151981 NOTAL
C. USNATO 3355

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT JULY 16 MEETING UNDER AGENDA ITEM III, DPC PROVIDED CLARIFYING GUIDANCE ON PO/74/93 (FOLLOWAUP ACTION TO THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING), AGREED TO STUDY USE OF WARNING TIME AND TO INVITE SACEUR TO CONDUCT FLEXIBILITY STUDY.

ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER GUIDANCE ON FLEXIBILITY STUDY PROMISED IN PARA 9 OF REFTEL B. END SUMMARY.
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1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCTED AGENDA ITEM III (FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING) BY REFERRING BOTH TO IMPORTANCE OF TASKS AHEAD AND TO DANGERS OF OVERLOADING WORK PROGRAM (THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBERS OF STUDIES THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN,

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BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF THOROUGH AND WORTHWHILE STUDIES), AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR KEEPING STUDIES, WHEN POSSIBLE, WITHIN THE EXISTING DEFENSE PLANNING REVIEW. LUNS' INTRODUCTION INCLUDED REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S LETTER PROVIDING AMPLIFICATION OF US VIEWS ON PO"74/93.

COMMENT: ON JULY 15, RUMSFELD SENT LETTER TO SYG (WITH COPIES FOR DPC PERM REPS AND CHAIMAN, MC) DRAWN FROM REFTEL B.

END COMMENT.

2. MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. ADMIRAL MINTER (MC REP) SAID MC HAS TAKEN STEPS TO SPEED UP WORK ON MILITARY APPRECTIATION TO MEET NEW DATE OF NOVEMBER 1 FOR SUBMISSION TO DPC. FIRST DRAFT IS COMPLETE, BUT MEETING DEADLINE DEPENDS UPON TIMELY RECEIPT OF NATIONAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT AND POSSIBLE MAJOR CHANGES TO COUNTRY PLANS RESULTING FROM IN-PROCESS NATIONAL DEFENSE REVIEWS. RUMSFELD (US) NOTED THAT RECENTLY COMPLETED FORCE GOALS EXERCISE AND COUNTRY RESPONSES TO DPQ(73) PROVIDED BASIS FOR WORK, AND,IF NECESSARY, ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REPLIES TO DPQ(74). MINTER CONCURRED BUT INDICATED THE MC DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POINT IN RUMSFELD'S LETTER ABOUT FORECASTING THE STARTING POINT FOR THE PLANNING PERIOD IN TERMS OF NATIONAL OR REGIONAL FORCE CAPABILITIES AT END-1976 AND ASKED THAT THIS POINT BE DISCUSSED IN THE DRC SO MC IS CLEAR ON SUBJECT. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) UNDERLINED THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE ELEMENTS THAT THE TWO KEY ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE MENTIONED IN PARA 5 OF THE PO; THE NETHERLANDS WOULD LIKE THE WORK ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE TO BE GEARED EXACTLY TO REMARKS PRESENTED FOR THE RECORD BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AT THE JUNE 14 DPC MINISTERIAL (REFTEL C).

3. STANDARDIZATION. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) NOTED COMMITTEE OF FOUR IS STUDYING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE F104G AND WILL REPORT TO THE EURONADS, HENCE THE NETHERLANDS SAW NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN ASKING THE CNADS TO REPORT ON THE SAME SUBJECT TO THE DPC.
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SYG LUNS SAW LOGIC IN THIS PROPOSAL. UK REP (LOGAN) QUESTIONED PROPOSAL THAT CNADS BE INVITED TO PUT FORWARD ONE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AT EACH MINISTERIAL MEETING AND PREFERRED TO HAVE CNADS PLACED ON NOTICE TO INFORM DPC WHEN A COOPERATION PROJECT IS RIPE FOR DECISION. IN OTHER WORDS, IN UK VIEW, LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 13 OF PO SHOULD NOT BE MANDATORY;
LUNS CONCURRED.

4. WARNING TIME. FOLLOWING GENERAL DISCUSSION, DPC AGREED TO A STUDY ON USE OF WARNING TIME TO GEGIN FOLLOWING DPC CONSIDERATION OF HILEX-6 REPORT, PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER 1974. FRG REP (BOSS) PRESENTED ONLY DIFFERING VIEW, EXPRESSING HIS GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCE TO INCORPORATE STUDY INTO PREPARATION

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OF MC 161/75 WARNING TIME SECTION. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO A SEPARATE STUDY WHICH RUMSFELD, UK REP (LOGAN) AND NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) EMPHASIZED SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY AND SHOULD FOCUS ON THE PROPER USE OF WARNING TIME.

5. FLEXIBILITY. MINTER (MC REP) LED OFF DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING ADMIRAL HIL-NORTON'S BELIEF THAT A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT APPROPRIATE OR CALLED FOR AT THIS TIME AND THAT MAJORITY OF POINTS MADE IN SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATMENT FOR THE RECORD WERE COVERED ELSEWHERE. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) AND RUMSFELD DISAGREED AND EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR SUCH A SACEUR STUDY. MINTER THEN ASKED FOR MORE GUIDANCE AND DEFINITIVE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STUDY AND RUMSFELD INDICATED THAT THE US WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN THIS REGARD. LUNS AGREED THAT THE MC WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN THIS REGARD. LUNS AGREED THAT THE MC WOULD BE ASKED TO INVITE SACEUR TO CONDUCT A FLEXIBILITY STUDY AND THAT HELP O TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE PROVIDED. COMMENT: MISSION HAS BEGUN PRELIMINARY WORK IN DRAFTING TERMS OF REFERENCE, DRAWING ON SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT. REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE, PROMISED PARA 9 REFTEL B, BE PROVIDED . MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE THIS GUIDANCE IN THE FORM OF PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE. RUMSFELD

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